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IMPROVING THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered this item at its 20th, 22nd to 25th and 37th meetings, held on 18 November, 22 to 29 November and 11 December 1993.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on an analysis of the financial situation of the United Nations (A/48/503 and Add.1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on financing an effective United Nations (A/48/460 and Corr.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on financing an effective United Nations: a report of the Independent Advisory Group on United Nations financing (A/48/565 and Corr.1).

4. The statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.20, 22-25 and 37).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/48/L.9

5. At the 37th meeting, on 11 December, Ms. Regina Emerson (Portugal), Vice-Chairman, following informal consultations, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.5/48/L.9).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.9 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/215 of 23 December 1992,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and the relevant recommendations contained in his report A/48/565,

Recognizing the need for a continuing dialogue at the intergovernmental level to analyse possible solutions for the improvement of the financial situation of the Organization,

1. Reaffirms the obligation of Member States to pay assessed contributions promptly and in full;

2. Recognizes that non-payment of assessed contributions in full and on time has damaged and continues to damage the ability of the Organization to implement its activities effectively;

3. Decides to continue consideration of this item and, inter alia, the above-mentioned reports, at its resumed forty-eighth session.

1/ A/48/503 and Add.1 and A/48/565 and Corr.1.